

Proposed Bill No. 5471

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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by: REP. KUPCHICK, 132<sup>nd</sup> Dist.

## AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE LAWS REGARDING YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to strengthen the laws
- 2 regarding youth suicide prevention by emphasizing suicide
- 3 assessment, treatment and management in (1) school district policies
- 4 addressing school bullying, (2) in-service training for teachers, and (3)
- 5 professional training for advisors and counselors, chemical
- 6 dependency professionals, marriage and family therapists, mental
- 7 health counselors, occupational therapy practitioners, psychologists,
- 8 advanced social workers and independent clinical social workers. To
- 9 further provide that such training be completed by such professionals
- 10 at least once every six years.

## Statement of Purpose:

To bring awareness to the signs and symptoms of youth suicide and to develop ways to prevent its occurrence.